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SICK OF POLYGAMY; YET MORMONS WISH NO PROSECUTIONS

"Against Stirring Up Offensive Odors of Ill-Smelling Proposition"

Smoot's Attorney Defends His Character Before Committee.

in Provo-J. W. N. Whitecotton-was the witness of this morning in the Smoot inquiry by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

He was on the stand late yesterday afternoon, telling of general conditions in Utah, and today went more into de-tail about his chief's good reputation among the people of the State, long be-fore his election as apostle and then as

Mr. Whitecotton, who is a heavilybuilt man, with a very ruddy complexion, spoke emphatically about the view taken by the people of Utah against stirring up the offensive odors of an illinterest of the clique of larger smelling proposition. This was his ex-planation why prosecutions against Mr. Ashford is equally as emphatic violators of the law against polygamy not looked upon with favor.

Reviewed Utah Politics.

The witness, who was on the stand all the morning, the most of the time under direct examination, showed a familiarity with the politics of the State, giving interpretations which were alost always favorable to his client, and the Mormons generally.

He took up the conditions in the elec tion of 1890 and continued down to the present time. He told of petitions to Congress circulated in Prove to disfranchise Mormons, but nothing ever came of it. He cited the Thatcher episode which has been frequently discussed heretofore, and the trials of polygamists in 1888 up to the time of the manifesto, and said they averaged 100 arraignments a year. Since 1890 they had averaged perhaps only a dozen annually.

Much Brotherly Love.

the improved conditions, in business and politics, between Mormons and Gen-

volt as there was in the Republicar party recently.

Mormons for the Gent les, as most of manner that precludes the possibility of the judges are men who had been en-

Mormons Against Polygamy.

"As to the prosecution of people who entered into polygamy prior to 1890, I must say that is a hard question to answer. The people of Utah think there developing is shown by the regulation way to proceed.

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"The to not only makes the cost of building much greater than it was before the regulation was adopted, but is also particularly advantageous to all big contractors."

Mr. Nash also expressed the opinion to the methods of a tariff session would number 90 per is dent of the House Republicans. This estimate seems to be generally accepted.

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never heard anyone express sympathy for a man who is living in polygamy, unless he has two or three wives who are regular viragoes. The sympathy, if shown at all, is always for the wives and families.

Smoot Kicked Up a Row.

Witness was asked whether, in 1890.

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WEATHER REPORT.

There will be rain tonight in the south Atlantic States, and snow in the middle Atlantic States, probably continuing Saturday over the northern portion. Snow will also continue on the windward shores of the lower lakes. In the Ohio Valley and east Gulf States the weather will be fair and decidedly colder with a cold wave. It will also be with a cold wave. It will also be uch colder Saturday in the south At-ntic States, and somewhat colder in lantic States, and somewhithe middle Atlantic States.

THE SUN.

BIG CONTRACTORS IN CAHOOTS WITH ASHFORD, HE SAYS

Nash Declares Building Inspector Has Shown Partiality.

SO SAYS WHITECOTTON DENIAL COMES. PROMPT

Accused Official Defends Attitude on Bill to License Builders.

Charges against Building Inspector Snowden Ashford are preferred by Andrew O. Nash, builder and property owner, as a result of the bill before Congress to establish a master builders' examining board.

Mr. Nash alleges the Building Inspector has been partial to the so-called "building trust" in the admin-

Ashford Did It.

He holds Mr. Ashford largely respon in the interest of the clique of larger

in his denial of the charges preferred by Mr. Nash. He contradicts the statement that he has used his office in behalf of the bigger building interests, and says Mr. Nash has been laboring under a false impression in the belief that he (Mr. Ashford) gave his indorse ment to the bill.

Carpenters Opposed.

Wednesday night a mass meeting was held under the auspices of the local Union and Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, to protest against the bill. By unanimous vote of the union committee of five was appointed to confer with members of Congress in regard to entering formal protest against the passage of the measure.

Charges Discrimination.

Another vigorous opponent of the bill to establish a builders' examining board is Andrew O. Nash, property owner and builder, who believes the movement to be an attempt to establish almost a monopoly on the trade in Washington.

Mr. Nash also has a word of denun-ciation of Building Inspector Snowden "Since 1890, the improvement has been marvelous," said witness. "A Gentile deputy marshal, who had been arresting Mormons for polygamous practices, was elected marshal over a Mormon who was a Republican.

"Mormons adhere more closely to their party than the Gentiles do, because there never has been an organized revolt as there was in the Republican."

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"It can't be denied that the office of Building Inspector is no trifling position," said Mr. Nash to a reporter of difficult task to prepare regulations that won't embarrass or prove unsatisfactory to somebody.

First Accords Praise.

was an evidence of the liking of the having arranged the regulations in a poor construction in the District, and up gaged in prosecuting polygamy before to the present in a manner that has met they were advanced to the bench.

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"But he should be criticised for giv-

Cites an Inscance.

are conditions which have to be taken requiring a thirteen-inch wall in the into consideration in discussing the best construction of all party walls in the District. This not only makes the cost

Unionism Interested.

"It is my honest opinion," said Mr. Nash, "that the trades unions have somewhat taken an active part in this move-ment. I believe that if the bill were to

Witness was asked whether, in 1896.
Senator Smoot had not supported George Sutherland, Gentile, for mayor of Provo. He was not sure of the facts, and answered, as to Smoot:

"I know he kicked up a row in Provo. but whether he supported Sutherland for mayor I do not know."

Witness wanted to submit a table of political figures to show how much more influence the Gentiles had than the Mormons, and how the Gentiles filled all the State offices.

The table was printed in a Salt Lake newspaper, and this liove. The trouble would be obviated," he continued, "if the staff of inspectors were kept at work during the day maklication. Witness knew nothing about

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Mr. Nash sald that instead of establishing an examining board it would be more satisfactory to add to the efficiency of the building inspector's office by increasing the number of inspectors, and rearrange their duties so that they would be in the field, instead of about half their time in the office.

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Examination a Hardship.

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Khode Island—Nelson W. Aldrich and

builders because of their inability to pass a theoretical examination.

Few men engaged in the construction trade in Washington, he said, are qualified to answer difficult questions of a technical nature, which would probably be put to them by the board, although most of them may be good mechanics.

7:18 ways.

"He seems to have lined me up with the trusts and the labor unions at the a.m., same time," said the District official.
p.m. "I don't object in the least to that.

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"Closed, Eh! Well, I Believe I'll Take This Money Home to My Family."

TARIFF PROBLEM LOSES INTEREST

Since Yesterday.

Revision.

The situation in the House today re garding tariff revision at an extra ses sion of Congress remains practically the

"It think the decided sentiment of the Mormon people in Utah is hostile to polygamy," said witness. "The people are strongly opposed to interference in the treatment of the the strongly opposed to interference in the treatment of the the seems anxious to curry favor."

"I don't believe Mr. Ashford has benefited financially by the project, but it certainly does seem like making use of a public office to dispense favors.

"As to the prosecution of people who sence of detailed information is due to the fact that not all the delegations were polled in conference.

The West Point corps will arrive in Washington on the night of Friday, after that not all the delegations ation, Mr. Spencer said he wanted it evening, almost immediately after the corps will arrive in Washington on the night of Friday, and will leave on Saturday evening, almost immediately after the corps with the corps with the corps with the corps with the corps will arrive in Washington on the night of Friday, and will leave on Saturday evening, almost immediately after the corps will arrive in Washington on the night of Friday, and will leave on Saturday evening, almost immediately after the corps will arrive in Washington on the night of Friday.

regulation would be a hardship on most builders because of their inability to Vermont—W. P. Dillingham and Red-

Ashford Answers.

Building Inspector Ashford, when told of the charges made by Andrew O. Nash, laughingly remarked that the arraignment seemed to be a sort of weathervane affair which pointed both ways.

"He seems to have lined the charges and charges of Wisconsin. Dolliver of Iowa. Hopkins of Illinois. Others are note that the committal.

SPENCER OPPOSES REBATE MEASURE

Quarles Bill.

According to an Unofficial Poll But Declares It Would Change Character of Bone of Contention Between Committee of the committee and decided before any Commerce Commission and Dis-

criminate Against Railroads.

This morning President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway, and also representing some six or eight other railroads, resumed his argument before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce against the enactment of the Cooper-Quarles bill, which places the complete regulation and especially and places the complete regulation and especially and the formulation of the committee, and the formulation of the committee are chosen by lot as disposenting the selection of the committee, which effectively the canons of the committee are chosen by lot as disposentially precluded any possibility of packing the committee, which effectively the canons of the committee, which effect all the committee are chosen by lot as disposentially the canons of the com tablishment of railroad rates in the when the cadets were always quartered hands of the Interstate Commerce

whom he represented, were not oppositis cadets will not reach Washington Mr. Irvine's charges. He replied that the drill.

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CADETS TO SLEEP

From West Point.

and Several Ambitious Political Clubs-Plans for Ball.

ing all legislation.

"We will be satisfied with any legislation which Congress in its wisdom shall see fit to enact, but we are opposed to this particular legislation, which will not be effective, and which will be a discrimination against one of greatest industries."

Mr. Irvine was at liberty to make any charges he wished; it would not affect this particular legislation, which will be a discrimination against one of greatest industries."

Mr. Brow will also return immediately. This will also return immediately. This see fit to enact, but we are opposed to the inaugural ball.

The Republican county committee of New York is putting forth strong at discrimination against one of greatest industries."

Mr. Prine was at liberty to make any charges he wished; it would not affect his action or opinion on the question at its see one particle, nor was he the least affected personally thereby.

P. R. Stetson, of Reading, treasurer of the Central Pennsylvania diocese, the was also mentioned by name in Mr. Irvine's letter, said, the latter was untained in the country, and Mr. New sted, of the Twelfth assembly district, would entirely change the nature of the Intersect and proposed the country of the country, and Mr. New sted, of the Twelfth assembly district, would entirely change the nature of the Intersect that the enactment of the Cooper-Quaries bill would entirely change the nature of the Intersect that the enactment of the Cooper-Quaries bill would entirely change the nature of the Intersect that the enactment of the Cooper-Quaries bill would entirely change the nature of the Intersect that the enactment of the Cooper-Quaries bill would entirely change the nature of the Intersect the Intersect the Intersect the Intersect that the enactment of the Cooper-Quaries bill would entirely change the nature of the Intersect the Inte

proaches to the Pension Office will be discussed. Major Sylvester, chairman of the committee on public order, has called a meeting of his committee for Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

John S. Blair and G. E. D. Rollins have been made members of the committee on finance, and Walter S. Pratt, jr., has been appointed on the committee on medals and badges.

B. H. Warner, chairman of the committee on crivic organizations, has taken up the matter of having a body of representative students from every prominent high school in the United States take part in the parade, and has appointed Charles S. Clarke, one of the supervising principals of the local high schools, to take charge of this project.

The idea is to have these numble as a filled a formal protest with the provent against alleged violations by the Chinese of the neutral laws governing the field of operations in the Russian ambassator to repair the grave, to put it in a condition befitting the last resting place of a President to repair the grave, to put it in a condition befitting the last resting place of a President to repair the grave, to put it in a condition befitting the last resting place of a President to repair the grave, to put it in a condition befitting the last resting place of a President of the United States.

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MEETS TO PROBE CHARGES AGAINST BISHOP TALBOT

Committee Elects the Reign of Terror, So Long Rev. Dr. Bodine Its Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS ARE SECRET 56 POLITICAL MURDERS

Secretary Regrets That Can- Police, Detectives, Tax Colons of Church Enjoin Strict Privacy.

READING, Pa., Jan. 13.-The committee of inquiry of the Episcopal church appointed by Presiding Bishop Tuttle to friquire into the charges made against ed and anticipated with the deepest fear Bishop Talbot, of the Central Pennsyland trepidation, is commencing. vania diocese, by the Rev. I. N. W. Irvine, the unfrocked pastor of Huntingdon, met in Reading again this morning. with the bureaucratic form of govern-At the previous meeting, held here on ment has been more pronounced, and Tuesday, no business was transacted because of lack of a quorum, only seven members of the sixteen constitution. members of the sixteen constituting the which will explode the magazine of ommittee being present.

When the committee went into session at 10:30 this morning there were ten members of the committee present. They

The Rev. H. P. Nichols and Francis Lynde Stetson, both of New York city and of the New York diocese; the Rev. E. A. Enos, of Troy, N. Y., and the Rev. Dr. Joseph Carey, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., both of the Albany diocese; the Rev. Dr. Rogers Israel, of freedom. For a time, after the calling Scranton; the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Jones, of the zemstvos, there was evidence that of Wilkesbarre; James M. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, and W. R. Buti-r, of Mauch Chunk, of the Central Pernsylvania diocese; the Rev. Pr. W. B. Bodine and George C. Thomas, treasurer of the board of missions of the Episco-pal church, both of the Philadelphia dio-

Instead of meeting in the parlor of the Market House as on Tuesday, the ield in Wood Chapel, of Christ Episcopal Church. The members of the committee are stopping at the Mansion House.

Dr. Rodine Chairman.

The organization of the committee which was effected on Tuesday, was merely for the convenient dispatch of the discussions of the committee at that time, it was said, and a permanent or No Change in Situation Argues Against the Cooper- New Arrangement for Corps The Rev. Dr. Bodine was chosen as the permanent chairman, and W. R. Butler,

of Mauch Chunk, secretary. The chairman and members of the committee refused to say if they would OPPOSITION OVERWHELMING WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE THE HEAD OF CIVIC DIVISION ing of the committee, under the recently adopted canons of the church. It was considered probable, however, that the

other matter was taken up. mittee were interviewed regarding the letter to the committee by Rev. Dr. Irvine, which was made public this morning. Secretary W. R. Butier said the charge of position of the war party is fast bers of the com-

Smiled at Charge.

The Rev. Dr. Rogers Israel, of Scranconnection with the case, merely smiled at Fiedosia, in the province of Touria, when asked what he had to say about the onlookers crowded in, hampering

RUSSIA MENACED BY BLOODY HAND OF REVOLUTION

Threatened, Is Commencing.

lectors, and Minor Officials Killed

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 13 .- Many indications are at hand that the revolu-

Since the fall of Port Arthur, this feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction pent-up feelings in peasant circles. Not that the fall of Port Arthur itself would be sufficient to precipitate such an untoward event as a revolution, There are a hundred and one reasons for the dissatisfaction.

Clamor for Reform. The people are clamoring, and have

been demanding for time immemorial, reforms which will give them greater perhaps some of these reforms demand-ed were about to be granted.

The Czar, however, instead of meet the popular desire for re-hearty co-operation the granting of articles.

runtical Assassinations.

From all parts of the empire come eports of political assassinations, in-cluding the taking of the lives of police,

detectives, tax collectors, and other minor officials.

Especially in the central and southern navinces is this anti-official feeling manifest. In these provinces fifty-six political assassinations have been reported within the past fortnight. May End Far East War.

Just what the result of this incipie uprising will be, time alone will tell. In many quarters, as has been forecasted in these dispatches on several occa-sions, it is felt that one of the great and far-reaching results must be the ending of the Far Eastern war.

It would be impossible for Russia, with her hands more than filled with trouble at home, to attempt to further carry on the war away from home.

Anti-War Sentiment.

stronger ever since the first reverse suf-

The anti-war feeling has been growing

RUSSIAN GENERAL KILLS CHILDREN

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 13.-News of almost unprecedented cruelty on the part of a Russian general has reached unofficial circles here. While a review of troops was in progress.

General Tschetyrkin, reviewing the

Copenhagen which quotes a telegram from St. Petersburg to the newspaper "Politiken," asserting that Czar Nich-olas has contributed 100,000,000 roubles from his private purse toward the equip-ment of a third Russian squadron, and 50,000,000 roubles toward the equipment

SULTAN WOULD GIVE DECORATIONS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 13 .- Following the example of Emperor William of Germany, the Sultan has expressed a desire to decorate Generals Stocssel and

the Chinese of the neutral laws governing the field of operations in the Russo-Japanese contest.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, was at the State Department today to inform Secretary Hay that he had received notice from his government that the note had been issued.

He will transmit it himself to the State Department as soon as the note is in his hands.

The protest of the Russian government is regarded of grave importance in view of the interest which this government has all along taken in the neutrality and the preservation of its administrative entity.